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Subject: BOATANCHORS digest 2617

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by mnhopkins@juno.com
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Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 08:07:35 -0400
From: BEN NOCK <G4BXD@compuserve.com>
Subject: sets FS/trade
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199907220807_MC2-7DDE-FC54@compuserve.com>
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ET-4336 vfo plug in unit (807) working..... 55.00 Pound
Heath DX-60 with vfo, working, nice condx,.. 65.00 Pound
Yaesu FT-101 hf transceiver, working, 140.00 Pound
Com Block R4 rx, in Czech markings.

1.5 to 12.5 MHz in 5 bands A1/A2/A3 (tunable bfo)
variable if filter, S meter (with 10 other voltage monitoring positions)
psu ac/dc mains or 12v dc, hi z and lo z aerial sockets
af/rf/ae tune/bandswitch/filter/bfo/meter controls
hi z phones o/p, plus 600 line, dial lamp
----- 80.00
Pound, =

BE-201 vhf transmitter/receiver with psu 80.00 Pound
Mk 214 hf 500w transmitter, driver and pa 120.00 Pound
15" RGB monitor..... 25.00 =

Pound
RAF J Switch (1155/1154)..... 30.00 Pound
Airband single channel rx/tx, mains, 25.00 Pound

will swap any of above for other military gear

swap only for other military items:
Torn B German WWII receiver, working with battery box
British Mk 119 spy transmitter
British Mk 123 spy trans/rec

all collect or post only in the UK.

Ben G4BXD@compuserve.com

Message-Id: <199907221312.d6MDCQ024874@sco.theporch.com>
Subject: Thanks for Help on Really Old Tubes
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 99 13:12:24 +0000
From: <davidh@getnet.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Thanks to all who answered my query on the old Cunningham tubes. No
problem testing them on my Hickok 510X.

73,

Dave

Dave N7RK - Webmaster CADXA
Phoenix, Arizona *DXCC Honor Roll* *WAZ#23 - 75 Meter SSB*

ex-N7RK/ZB2, VK2ERK, ZM0AJN, WB6NRK, WN6IWX

Boatanchor Collector Extraordinaire preferring Hallicrafters, National
and what ever else looks interesting!

E-Mail: davidh@getnet.com
My Home Page: <http://www.getnet.com/~davidh>

Visit the Central Arizona DX Association Home page - <http://cadxa.org>

Message-ID: <002d01bed448\$95b5b540\$1f00a8c0@ro>
From: "Ragnar Otterstad" <otterstad@inet.uni2.dk>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "EURO_SWAP_LIST" <euro_ba_swap@egroups.com>
Subject: FS: Ships W/T clock
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 15:44:33 +0200
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Brass ships clock from the radio cabin ,with Silent Perodes marking for CW.
Working condition.

Price 500 USD + shipping

73 Rag OZ8RO LA5HE

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 20:00:08 EDT
Subject: Did Juno go south??
Message-ID: <19990722.200008.-3954355.0.joelutz@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: Joseph W Lutz <joelutz@juno.com>

Hi gang,

I am getting absolutely Nada - Nothing inbound from Juno ALL day! I
takes outbound [but even self-addressed don't return] - is anyone else
have problems? Please reply via IP acct: kwz99@aol.com

Thanks

73 de Joe W7LPF/3
NCVA - QWCA - RCC - SWOP - FISTS - NAVYMARS
New Florence, Pa 15944 [Westmoreland Co.]

Message-ID: <21B46CBD022AD1118F0500805F15A06801866755@stpmsx05.stp.guidant.com>
From: "Freeberg, Scott (STP)" <scott.freeberg@guidant.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: WTB: Cub Scout Crystal Radio
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 15:41:45 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain

Hi All,

On the other extreme in the BA weight department, I would like to buy a Cub Scout Crystal Radio made by Aurora. It is contained in a plastic box with a knob (to the coil slider) on the front which slides horizontally across the front the panel. It has a couple of tip jacks for the headphones, antenna, and ground on the front panel. Thanks.

73, Scott WA9WFA

Message-Id: <3.0.3.32.19990722174822.00a514f8@mindspring.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 17:48:22 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: john <johnmb@mindspring.com>
Subject: WRL-LA-1 linear
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I recently took possession of one of these little amps (thanks Bill!)...it's actually the second one I've owned... Although it looks to be in FB shape, and I've found 3/4 of a spare set of tubes (EL38's...6CN6's) I'm missing tuneup, operation instructions for the little beast. Does anyone have the information on bias setting, max plate current, or better yet, a copy of the manual sheets?

Anyone remember using one of these little "shoes"? Im looking forward to putting it behind a CE20 for vintage SSB ops on 20.

Best
John

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| John Brewer- WB50AU/4
| AMI #24 Vintage Radio Website
| <http://www.old-radios.com>
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Message-Id: <4.1.19990722174705.009a7c80@sdct-sunsrv1.ncsl.nist.gov>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 17:52:10 -0400
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: Roy Morgan <roy.morgan@nist.gov>
Subject: Tube collectors/museums??
Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

Glowbuggers and Anchorites,

Are there transmitting tube collectors/afficiandos among us?
Any museums dedicated to just tubes, or with heavy emphasis on them?

I'd like to find someone who knows about pre-war Marconi transmitting tubes.

Thanks in advance

Keep em Glowing!
Roy, K1LKY since 1959 (now 40 years!)

-- Roy Morgan
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Message-ID: <3797A5BE.D03@worldnet.att.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 19:14:06 -0400
From: "John Dilks, K2TQN" <oldradio@worldnet.att.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Tube collectors/museums??
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Roy and all,

The Tube Collectors Association is established to support and encourage the collection of electron tubes of all types and historical periods. The TCA provides a forum for sharing information on the development, manufacturing, trends in design, specifications, and historical relevance of electron tubes. The membership of TCA is dedicated to the non-commercial collection of electron tubes and the preservation of electron tube history.

<http://www.tubecollectors.org/>

73' John Dilks, K2TQN

From: Roy Morgan <roy.morgan@nist.gov>
Roy Morgan wrote:

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> Glowbuggers and Anchorites,
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> Any museums dedicated to just tubes, or with heavy emphasis on them?

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Message-Id: <199907230125.UAA08402@mail1.gte.net>
From: "Grant Youngman" <nq5t@gte.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 20:24:21 -0500
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Subject: BC-312 Tuning Knob Removal ??

Gang ...

Can anyone describe how to remove the main tuning knob from a BC-312/342? I've been puzzling over it for a day now. I must be totally missing the obvious (or suffering from acute neuron failure).

I'm trying to get it off to strip and repaint it. The bandswitch knob is held on with a nice, obvious, simple to get at, screw. But someone with a demonic sense of humor must have designed the attachment technique for the main tuning control :-)

Thanks Grant

Grant Youngman / NQ5T
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BA pics at <http://home1.gte.net/nq5t>
Double Oak, TX -- nr Dallas

Message-ID: <379807EF.B3EE32A4@bw.webex.net>
Date: Thu, 22 Jul 1999 23:13:03 -0700
From: Al Klase <skywaves@bw.webex.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: BC-312 Tuning Knob Removal ??
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Grant Youngman wrote:

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> 312/342? I've been puzzling over it for a day now. I must be totally
> missing the obvious (or suffering from acute neuron failure).
>

Pry the 1-inch plug off the front of the knob. It's a standard 3/4" hole plug. There's a 6-32 screw under it.

73,
Al

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Message-Id: <199907230733.CAA03818@loki.internettport.net>
From: "Steve" <scb@loki.internettport.net>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 02:16:27 +0000
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT
Subject: Re: Help on Really Old Tubes
CC: boatanchors@theporch.com

">I have some really old tubes that I need to test, they are a
UX-171A
CX-301A
CX-300A
CX-340
These are all Cunningham tubes (all 4 prong bases) out of a 1925
Browning Drake Receiver."

Hello Dave & group;

Very interesting, I had one of these things (looked kit-built) years ago & recall the tubeset in mine being UX-199 RFA buffer, X00A/01A regen det, X01A 1st audio, X01A/112 2nd audio. Also had a built-on "B" P/S with a predecessor (by Raytheon) of the type 80 rectifier with fine pitch metal screen material for the plate structures. Can't remember it's number desig.

Guessing yours uses the 40 for RFA buffer & the 71A 2nd aud. If there

is provision for bias battery, then this would be correct for
loudspeaker drive. Probably later or modified version of mine. Anyone
knowledgeable on the National Browning-Drake?

Regards; Steve

Message-ID: <57480C70A425D311B49F00A0C99E501DA78615@xpa01.boi.hp.com>
From: "BROWN,MIKHAEL (HP-PaloAlto,ex1)" <mikhael_brown@am.exch.hp.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: WTB NC-300 Knob
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 08:15:07 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

I am looking for the calibration switch knob for a National NC-300 receiver.
If anyone has a spare for sale or trade, please e-mail me.

Thanks and 73's

Mike, N6WIG

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Mikhael Brown <mikhael_brown@hp.com>

Message-ID: <57480C70A425D311B49F00A0C99E501DA7861B@xpa01.boi.hp.com>
From: "BROWN,MIKHAEL (HP-PaloAlto,ex1)" <mikhael_brown@am.exch.hp.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: WTB Microphones
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 08:31:53 -0600
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain;
charset="iso-8859-1"

WTB a T-50 mic for my BC-610 and a Hallicrafters desk mic for my Halli
station. If you any to part with please e-mail me.

73's

Mike

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Mikhael Brown <mikhael_brown@hp.com>

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 09:56:44 -0500
Subject: Remnant Radio (?)
Message-ID: <19990723.095657.-10097.5.MNHopkins@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: mnhopkins@juno.com

Don't take my Galaxy III, please.

Lots of folks have taken parts of it since I bought it for \$25, sans an output variable that went to someone's tuner, to get the husky 900v p/s. Since then I've sold off the knobs and the meter to people restoring the later 5-banders and odds and end pieces have gone here and there. I am now ahead on the purchase.

How far might one take that? I can put the 5 mc VFO back in, pipe in a little 250 and 12 and have a passable 80,40, 20 RX for no cash outlay. While I contemplate the colorful Galaxy dial, I can watch for other possibilities. It may be that there is more than \$15 value in the pair of AT-1 TXs I have in a box in the attic, even without a stock meter.

It should be possible, without too much work, to assemble a station for zero cash outlay by buying things up and selling their cosmetic and/or sought after parts to defer the original outlay.

Then I could relax in Taoistic contentment sending RIG HR WAS FREE, OT, or maybe, IM RUNNING 4 MA TO SCREENS ES 12 BUKS TO THE GOOD.

de ab5L, michael in dallas, MNHopkins@JUNO.com
Student of Tecraft, ICM and Six Meters' Golden age: 1957-58
Box 226841, Dallas, TX 75222
What is the sound of one cap arching?

Message-ID: <37989331.F0669C79@pcbank.net>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 12:07:13 -0400
From: "Ray A. Allen, Sr." <w2kbr@pcbank.net>
MIME-Version: 1.0
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Re: Remnant Radio (?) aka one cap arching
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Up the aisle we ran, from the darkness, into the bright sunshine of a summer saturday, filled with the thrill of seeing our trusted friends The Lone Ranger, with Silver, and Tonto , with Scout heading down the trails between the buildings of town, reaching for our well-worn Colt 45, pulling out a roll of 50 from the tattered and worn jeans, loading as we ran, hammer back, looking back at the bad guys, we pulled the trigger.....

The sound of one cap arching.....

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Ray A. Allen, Sr., W2KBR/3, FM19qc
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Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 13:51:51 -0400
From: Don <71333.144@compuserve.com>
Subject: transmit tube tester
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: boatanchors <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Message-ID: <199907231352_MC2-7E0D-A1A3@compuserve.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
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charset=us-ascii
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A test setup for testing many popular transmitting tubes was published in GE Ham News sometime in the early 50's. There's a lot of good advice in that atyicle too. But I can't remember the exact issue.

Good luck.

73, Don Merz, n3RHT

From: W0EOM@aol.com
Message-ID: <f443fdbd.24ca1c69@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 15:28:41 EDT
Subject: Re: transmit tube tester
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
CC: boatanchors@theporch.com
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Don - its Vol 6 , no 3, May - June 1951

Will

From: WJoew@aol.com
Message-ID: <1c7a0c92.24ca2d85@aol.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 16:41:41 EDT
Subject: "Repair" (short removal) of 3-500ZG tube
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

One of my (somewhat precious) 3-500ZG's has developed a filament-to-grid short.

Have any of you ever had any success with "zapping" out such a short? It seems to be a pretty solid "weld" and I have assumed that a fix is not likely.

Just thought I would check to see if someone knows some magic that would be worth trying.

Joe Watson
W5WBR

(If it doesn't look feasible, I plan to make a "night light" for my shack out of it, if I can find a sturdy enough transformer to light it up!)

Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 20:04:36 -0400
From: polepeeg@aaa4rm.ba-watch.org (Marty's Refl. Drop)
Message-Id: <199907240004.UAA04690@aaa4rm.ba-watch.org>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Subject: Far fetched Tek Q

Don Merz just fixed me up with a left-side roof pair for 585s.

I have a 575 curve tracer (girls love 'em) that's left-side roofless.

575 1.5" shorter than 585... think dim's same as 545/547/535/blah.

Is there a trade out there?

2 for 1 & supply of shipping box just fb.

Marty

Message-Id: <3.0.6.32.19990723224222.0083e310@mail.koyote.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 22:42:22 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: GeorgeHumphrey <gah@koyote.com>
Subject: WTD. SP-600 Manual
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

BAers,

Anyone have a clean copy of the manuals on the Super Pro that I might be able to buy?

73 George KC5WBV

73 George KC5WBV
gah@koyote.com

Message-Id: <3.0.6.32.19990723224402.01683900@mail.koyote.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 22:44:02 -0500
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
From: GeorgeHumphrey <gah@koyote.com>
Subject: Variac Question for SP-600
Mime-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

BAers,

I would like to bring a SP I just bought up slowly on a variac, and have remebered that some tubes should be removed for the first day or so. Can anyone identify the right tubes to pull for this exercise?

Thanks a bunch
73 George KC5WBV

73 George KC5WBV
gah@koyote.com

Message-ID: <01BED5AB.02105020@mys22.riconnect.com>
From: "Christopher A. Bowne" <radiobwn@riconnect.com>
To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Cc: "'dale.gagnon@compaq.com'" <dale.gagnon@compaq.com>
Subject: GRC-19 in M38A1
Date: Sat, 24 Jul 1999 08:02:57 -0400

Dale, KW1I, has just completed restoration of a very nice mobile mount for a GRC-19 - an M38A1 military jeep. It will be shown for the first time next weekend at the Ware, NH Military Vehicle meet.

Dale has asked me to ping the Boatanchors list for any information in the way of manuals, sketches, photos, etc on how the GRC-19 was mounted in the M38A1. I believe that it was installed across the rear of the vehicle, like the later TRC-75 was set up. Dale has so far not been able to find much in the way of information on mounting details.

Please respond directly to me and or Dale (dale.gagnon@compaq.com).

73,

Chris Bowne, AJ1G
Stonington, CT
radiobwn@riconnect.com

To: Old Tube Radios <boatanchors@theporch.com>
Date: Fri, 23 Jul 1999 21:55:46 -0500
Subject: FMLA: Signs
Message-ID: <19990724.070954.-3184701.0.MNHopkins@juno.com>
MIME-Version: 1.0
Content-Type: text/plain
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit
From: mnhopkins@juno.com

"An evil and immoral generation seeks a sign."
(Matt. 16:4, 12:38; Mark 8:12; Luke 11:29.)

I don't know if it was just Bob the Biker who started the trouble.

It could have been, as the 6' 5" bearded fellow draws a lot of attention in his overalls and chrome chain belt. Bob is a friend of my pal Frank. Frank plans to take back 56-60 mc with a Five Meter Liberation Army, Bob's many enterprises include fixing 300 plus Watt "microphone preamps" for truck drivers at various "Guts of America" truck stop locations. Somehow Bob found out about the FMLA and, later, met Frank on the road to Dayton.

But today Bob rode over in the Frazer with us to carry the 205 pound sample case while I took the handouts and a circuit Frank built up from the Feb., 1948 CQ. This W6QIR "Amateur Newcomer," project has an octal socket wired to use, without rewiring, a 6C5, 6J5, 6P5, 6F6, 6V6 or a 6L6. It allows quick configuration as TPTG, ECO, Hartley or classic crystal oscillator using plug in

coils on input and output. It is a great teaching tool and a fair QRP transmitter. Frank uses it for everything around our basement workshop.

Frank wrote a handbill called "Adopting maximum modulation for minimum monitorability index," but what his bodyguard, Christie, actually sent out read "Offing the Man on Your Favorite Band." I expected a big turnout.

Frank has learned the FCC and other government agency tracing devices quit at a 5 kc wide setting, so he is leading the way back to deviations greater than 15 kc (for the FM component) on transmit. His radiating super-regen receivers already take up 80-100 kc but he thinks prudent placement of a 1N4001 should eventually increase that by half.

But there were real problems before we even got in the lobby. The valet parking guys had given up on the three outlaw bikers who were lounging around a fountain while one of their women bathed there. It could not be obscene, I thought, as most of her body was covered with a tattoo mural titled "The Life of Foster," who I took to be one of the bikers. The valets and a woman in a longish business suit were now speaking to a troupe of fellows in very short shorts on more conventional motorcycles, but again to no avail. Frank's other bodyguard kept the '47 Frazer idling at the curb.

There is never supposed to be a sign like that, but we were greeted by big one with an arrow saying "FMLA." Frank wanted to go right in and see who put it up, but he was intercepted by a large woman in a full length black shift.

Bob shifted the box of microwave oven transformers and such to his other arm and stopped her, but it was apparent she found the touch offensive. She hissed, "He's not going another step until he says what FMLA is going to do about partner parents of women who, while retaining alternate sex preferences, choose to be mothers."

I had not thought of Bob as a literary figure, but his answer, using alliteration and the terms, "mother," "other" and "further" was worthy of an Irish poet. I wish I could repeat it here -- or anywhere.

A crowd was gathering. It was mostly same sex couples but I was keeping my eyes on Christie, the 20-something bodyguard with the baby bag. If she unzips it, there is always trouble -- and not just from the ferret that sleeps inside. Christie did not look

stressed until an huge woman, the female equivalent of Bob, moved up beside her, touched her waist a little low and said, "Honey, have we met?"

Christie's blue eyes glowed brighter than the ferret's red ones. "It will be in Hell," she promised as she reached for the zipper. It would have been a mess had not Frank raised his arms just then, like a Richard Nixon without jowls, and shouted, "Is anyone here LDS?"

"Right here congressman," a fellow in a suit answered. He made his way thru the crowd with a sign saying "FMLA -- Time for a Change?"

Happily, it didn't take long to explain that my well dressed pal was not Rep. Martin "Red" Frost, and that we knew nothing about the Family Medical Leave Act. I did not even know the Mormons, who call themselves "Latter Day Saints," owned the Marriott, but Frank, an avaricious reader, learned it one night when he reached for the Gideon and found another book in the bed stand too. And everyone was unaware the chain had another place called "The Courtyard" down from this Ballpark Way place near where the HamCom meets. A call confirmed we had the wrong hall.

The outlaw bikers were our honor guard and the Foster woman dried out on the way. The lobby of the other place had the right sign, "56 to 60 Club," but I could tell we were in the right place, anyway, as two big black men with suits and bow ties stood at each side of a seated guy who looked like an older, dejected Robert Preston from "The Music Man." The Fruit of Islam meant Frank's pal Ali made it down from Chicago, but the other fellow was a mystery to me.

Frank pressed on inside but the white guy blocked me. "Thank God you came," he said. "You're the first eligible person all morning despite the sign."

"Please don't tell me you're already in the AARP," he pleaded.

(Frank passed out all our '48 Amateur Newcomer articles, but I can make more and send you one for \$1 and an SASE)

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Greetings all...

A few weeks ago, I purchased a Tektronix RM561A rack mount scope. In my "pre-flight" checkout I found that the 5 meg focus potentiometer had had its shaft broken off, and that the slide switch on the rear apron was broken.

A quick search of the Mouser catalog got me a new slide switch for the rear, however, I need the 5 meg focus pot, and the little knob that went on the focus pot. While I found a substitute 5 meg pot, it doesn't look as high voltage resistant as the original Tek part. Anyone have a parts-donor RM561A that could donate this pot?

Thanks and 73,
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